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section, and tide flats. Less than 20 rats were obtained from the resident districts. The majority of the rats are taken in cage traps, and most of the others in spring traps. As baited traps attract for the most part healthy rats, the number of plague rats found furnishes a very inadequate basis for the estimation of the number actually present.

Flea counts during the month show an average of 3 or 4 to the rat, this being practically the same as that found during March.

May 8. A summary of the plague situation from the outbreak of the disease to date comprises 3 human and 10 rat cases. The human cases were discovered between October 16 and 25, 1907. One was bubonic, the other 2 were of the pneumonic type. All 3 died. Five plague-infected rats were delivered between November 7, 1907, and January 7, 1908, and 5 others have been delivered since March 25.

Eighteen ships were fumigated during the month of April for the destruction of rats. The repeated fumigation at intervals of the smaller craft plying about the sound has demonstrated the efficacy of sulphur dioxide as a destructive agent for rats. In a number of cases, particularly on boats using oil as fuel, no rats have been found after fumigation. So often has this been the case that it has seemed unnecessary to continue to fumigate these boats at regular intervals. Therefore it has been decided to inspect these boats frequently, and when evidences of rats being aboard are found to fumigate the vessels. This will facilitate the handling of the increased shipping to Alaska during the summer months.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY, STATES AND CITIES
OF THE UNITED STATES—UNTABULATED.

CALIFORNIA—*Oakland*.—Month of February,^a 1908. Estimated population, 225,000. Total number of deaths 170, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, and 15 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 11, enteric fever 2, scarlet fever 8, smallpox 6, measles 18, and tuberculosis 2.

Sacramento.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths 57, including 10 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 3, scarlet fever 2, and smallpox 2.

CONNECTICUT—*Stamford*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 20,000. Number of deaths not reported. Cases: Diphtheria 1, scarlet fever 5, and whooping cough 6.

FLORIDA.—Reports from the State board of health for the week ended May 2, 1908, show as follows: Enteric fever—*Tampa*, 6 cases; *Jacksonville* and *Plant City*, each 3 cases; *Daytona*, 1 case. Diphtheria—*Jacksonville*, *Plant City*, and *Pensacola*, each 1 case. Tuberculosis—*Tampa*, 3 cases; *Ocala* and *Ybor City*, each 1 case.

Pensacola.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 22,256. Total number of deaths, 30, including enteric fever 1 and 2 from tuberculosis. Cases of contagious diseases not reported.

^a Received out of regular order.

ILLINOIS—*Quincy*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 43,000. Total number of deaths, 45, including diphtheria 1 and 6 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 18 and enteric fever 3.

INDIANA—*Anderson*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 25,398. Total number of deaths, 23, including 4 from tuberculosis. Cases: Smallpox 1, scarlet fever 1, tuberculosis 4.

Muncie.—Month ended May 4, 1908. Estimated population, 34,036. Total number of deaths, 35, including 3 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 5, enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 5, measles 7, smallpox 6, and whooping cough 30.

IOWA—*Sioux City*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 50,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Two deaths from smallpox and 1 from measles. Cases: Diphtheria 3, measles 32, scarlet fever 5, and smallpox 17.

KENTUCKY—*Henderson*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 17,500. Total number of deaths, 13. Cases: Enteric fever 2, measles 1, smallpox 3, and tuberculosis 2.

MINNESOTA—*St. Paul*.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 220,000. Total number of deaths reported to the department of health, 211, including diphtheria 7, scarlet fever 1, enteric fever 1, measles 1, whooping cough 2, and 22 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 39, measles 72, scarlet fever 86, and smallpox 84.

Stillwater.—Month of April, 1908. Census population, 12,318. Total number of deaths, 11, including 2 from diphtheria. Cases: Diphtheria 6 and smallpox 1.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—*Concord*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 46, including 4 from tuberculosis. Cases: Measles 4, enteric fever 1, diphtheria 3, scarlet fever 2, and tuberculosis 4.

Franklin.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 6,000. Total number of deaths, 6. Cases: Measles 7, diphtheria 2, enteric fever 1, and scarlet fever 5.

NEW JERSEY—*Morristown*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 12,500. Total number of deaths, 21. Cases: Tuberculosis 3, measles 4, and scarlet fever 10.

NEW YORK—*Saratoga Springs*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 11,822. Total number of deaths, 31, including 2 from tuberculosis. Cases: Measles 3 and tuberculosis 2.

OHIO—*Ashtabula*.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 18,000. Total number of deaths, 38, including 4 from enteric fever. Cases: Enteric fever 10, measles 10, and scarlet fever 2.

Canton.—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Six deaths from tuberculosis and 1 from diphtheria. Cases: Diphtheria 6, scarlet fever 13, and tuberculosis 6.

Zanesville.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 29, including 5 from tuberculosis. Cases: Enteric fever 7, scarlet fever 11, diphtheria 4, and smallpox 3.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Dunmore.*—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 17,500. Total number of deaths, 19, including 1 from diphtheria. Cases: Scarlet fever 1, diphtheria 1, and measles 5.

South Bethlehem.—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 18,000. Total number of deaths, 19, including enteric fever 1 and 1 from tuberculosis. Cases: Measles 9, enteric fever 2, diphtheria 2, and scarlet fever 6.

Wilkesburg.—Nine days ended May 7, 1908. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths 7, including 1 from tuberculosis. Cases: Measles 6.

SOUTH CAROLINA—*Charleston.*—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 65,000. Total number of deaths, 90, including enteric fever 1, and tuberculosis 13. Cases: Diphtheria 2, enteric fever 6, and scarlet fever 3.

VIRGINIA—*Newport News.*—Month of April, 1908. Estimated population, 28,749. Total number of deaths reported, 42, including enteric fever 2 and 4 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 2 and smallpox 1.

WASHINGTON—*Seattle.*—Month of March, 1908. Estimated population, 240,000. Total number of deaths, 185, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 1, and 26 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 56, enteric fever 4, measles 12, scarlet fever 12, smallpox 35, and tuberculosis 5.

WISCONSIN—*Beloit.*—Two weeks ended May 7, 1908. Estimated population, 16,000. Total number of deaths, 10, including 3 from tuberculosis. Cases: Diphtheria 1, measles 1, scarlet fever 1, smallpox 1, and tuberculosis 1.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, December 28, 1907, to May 15, 1908.

For reports received from June 28, 1907, to December 27, 1907, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 27, 1907.

[NOTE.—In accordance with custom, the tables of epidemic diseases are terminated semiannually and new tables begun.]

Place.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Madison County.....	Jan. 1-Apr. 3.....	50	.....	And vicinity. Report for November received out of date. No cases in December.
Mobile County	Jan. 1-Apr. 30.....	26	.....
Mobile.....	Nov. 2-Mar. 8.....	49	.....
Total for State.....	.....	125	.....
Arizona:				
Benson	Jan. 26-Feb. 10...	5	.....
Bisbee.....	Nov. 14-Jan. 19...	18	.....
Total for State.....	.....	23	.....